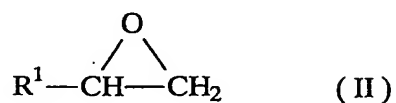
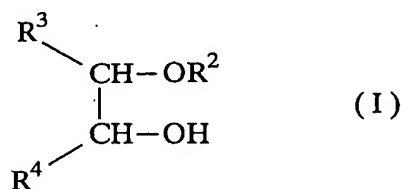


# Abstract

The present invention relates to a surfactant composition containing a composition containing a diol derivative (I) and a surfactant:



wherein  $\text{R}^1$  is an alkyl or alkenyl group having 4 to 22 carbons,  $\text{R}^2$  is an alkyl or alkenyl group having 1 to 18 carbon atoms and one of  $\text{R}^3$  and  $\text{R}^4$  is a straight-chain or branched alkyl or alkenyl group having 4 to 22 carbon atoms and derived from  $\text{R}^1$  and the other is a hydrogen atom.